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THE Pamphlet, mentioned in the Title, is stufft so full of Lies and Forge ies, that it needs no other then a Denial to the whole: But for as much as the World is so deceived al o by the Reports that are disperst abroad every where concerning the Person intended in this Discourse; Therefore some of the Particulars, shall be Touched in these fewlines.

First, As to her Parentage, she is descended of an Honourable Family, and to Persons of Quality she is ready to give an Account thereof; But for some Reasons at the present, she thinketh it safer for her, and more convenient, to conceal. The Pamphlet rendreth her to be a Fidlers Daughter of *Canterbury*: the which is the falsest of F. lshoods, as time will evince.

Her Accomplishments do demonstrate the contrary, she having the Heighth of all manner of Education that is fit or proper for a Person of quality. Besides, it being adorned with apt and ready Faculties of her Mind, which no doubt did Influence on, and were Inducements to Old Mr. *Carlton* to believe that she could not receive those Sparks of Generosity from a mean Education, or mean Parents: A Fidler or Wait-

Player of *Canterbury*, could neither Tune his Strings nor Pipes to that Heighth, to give a Daughter of his the *French*, *Dutch*, *Latine*, *Greek*, *Hebrew*, and all manner of other Educations as Musick, Singing, Dancing, and the like. Besides, her Natural Tongue giveth evidence for her to be a Dutch-Woman; her Gesture and Carriage such, as descended not from a mean Stock.

As to the cause of this Repose and Noyse in this City, of her Marriage of Mr. *John Carlton*, pretending to be a Princess of *Germany*, Reader, thou shalt have an Exact Accompt from her own Mouth, of all Considerable Passages that relates thereunto.

That she came from *Graves-End* with a Person the Morning, she first entred the House of Mr. *Kings*, at the Exchange-Tavern over-against the Stocks, between *Corn-Hill* and the *Poultry*, *London*, is most certain, she having Returned immediately before out of *Germany*, from a place near *Collen*.

The Person having performed the civility of attending her from *Billings-Gate*, being early in the Morning, could not procure admittance any where but at the Exchange-Tavern before mentioned, Mr. *King*, the Master of the House, then standing at the Door, the Person intreating him to let them have a Pint of Wine, Mr. *King* granteth his Request; but the Person offering to kiss her and was somewhat troublesome to the Lady, she desireth to shift her self of his Company, informing Mr. *King* she was a Stranger, and a person of Quality, and had a Charge of Jewels of value. Mr. *King* causeth a Chamber to be made ready, where she reposed her self for some time upon a Bed; about eleven of the Clock she arose, and Mr. *King* treated her civilly: the Lady spendeth generously, having Silver and Gold to defray the Charge, and she was desired to reside there, untill she had sent her Dispatches beyond the Seas, and had her Returns upon them: In the mean time, many Discourses passed of her Fortunes and Education, which she observed that they as Fish greedily bit at, and intended to have made a Prey of her. She persued the Humor, and they their Design, if there were any words let fall of her great Estate, it was at the first accidentally, and not in design; it was rather to obtain Credit and Respect, then any thing she could have expected in any probability like unto what fell out at last.

She continued at the Exchange-Tavern three Weeks before *Easter*, during which time, Mr. *King*, old Mr. *Carlton* and his wife, with others,

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had layed the Design, that either *George* or *John* should attempt the winning of the Lady: *George* is put upon it, but *John* of a more confident Temper, and better Metrel, undertaketh the Interprize; the Lady is Coy, and mixeth her Refusals with convenient pretences, which maketh all the Plotters impatient of the finishing what they had begun: To prevent the disturbing of their Proceedings, they keep her in the nature of a Prisoner, suffer no body to come near her, or to speak with her, insomuch that to one that they imparted the business to, they promised 2000 l. to be silent, least that it should be heard at Court, and so the Sons Fortunes and Honours might be prevented by some Courtier, that might attempt the carrying away of the Lady: Upon the conclusion of the business, Mrs. *Carlton* being attended with Mr. *King*, came to the Lady, and prest her to consent to the marrying of her Son *John*, for that he was so in Love with her, that he was ready to make away with himself, or to be mad, out of his wits; and that if she denyed him the least of evils, he designed he would Travail, and never see *England* again; upon this she struck when the Iron was hot, consented; on *Easter* Sunday Morning, they carry her forth in a Coach, two more attending upon them, pretended they had a Licence to Marry the Lady to the young Lord, in expectation (unto whom the Father, and all the rest of the Kindred that was privy to the Stratagem, of carrying away that great Fortune, were ready to do Homage and Reverence) go to *Cloth-Fair*, they came to one Parson *Smith*, to whom they gave 15 *l.* to marry them: by the way, when Mr. *John Carlton* was going down the Stairs, taking his Bride by the hand, she said, *Well, my Dear, I see you will take up your Crosse*:

So to Coach they go, when married: from thence to *Barnet*, that it might not be heard at Court, that a private Subject had married a Princess of another Dominion; There this Bride and Brides-groom lay together *Sunday* and *Monday* night: on *Easter Tuesday* in the morning, the Lady understanding that their pretence of having a License, was false: She prest them to obtain a License, and to be married again: accordingly, on *Easter Tuesday*, they were publickly married by License, after they had lyn together two nights, by vertue of the private marriage.

Now Consultation is had, to put the Lady in a Garb suitable to her Quality, they were willing to believe, as she had invited them to believe she was worth 5000 *l. per an.* they in their report and expectation, made it 8000 *l. per an.* as the young Gentleman at a *Coffe-house*

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himself reported, that his Wife was worth no less then the last Summe mentioned; but it was her modesty, or her design, to conceal the greatest part of the Estate: and that he could not attribute his great Fortune to any thing but the Faces, for that he had not any thing to ballance with the least of her Estate or Merits.

She is now richly attired and adorned with Jewels against *May-day*, the Jewels are her own, that dazzeled their Eyes, all the while this was negotiating; rich Cloaths the Kindred procured, to let the Lady know that She should have some Testimony of their Respect, good liking, and a probation of the consummating of this hopeful Match.

She thus set forth in Splendor and Glory with her Husband, other attendance, as Pages and Footmen, goeth to *Hide-Park* on *May-day*, in the Lady *Bludworths* Coach, that Opinion Mr: *Carltons* Kindred had of her eminence, that they procured that Condescension in that Honoured Person, that she attended her, and presented her there with *Apricock* and *Goose-berry Tarts*, things of no small esteem and value, at this time and place, She giveth her the upper hand.

Lodgings are taken for her in Durham-yard behind the New Exchange; and about Munday or Tuesday following, a letter is produced that reflected much upon the Ladyes Honour, produceth in the Father, Mr. George Carlton, jealousy of the high expectations: Upon which, the Lady is by warrant drag'd forth of her new Lodgings before *Mr.* Justice Godfrey, where she is accused for having of other Husbands now living then Mr. John Carlton; but before they carryed her out of her Lodging, they disrobed her of her Attire, and took away all her Jewells, her Bodyes, and her very stockings from her Legs, and what money she had about her; being before the Justice, he askt her whether she had two Husbands, she denied the fact, and told him; If she had any other then Mr. Carlton, he was one of them. He committeth her to the Gate-House at Westminster, where she remaineth a Prisoner; but the same day Mr. John Carlton her Husband visited her, and expressed much Affection

fection to her, and ſwounded away twice or thrice, and imputed that harſh dealing to the cruelty of his Father and mother, who fomented theſe things, for that they ſaw themſelves diſappointed in their expectations of the large Eſtate, and that he could be contented to Love her, Live with her, and own her as a Wife; and moreover as was obſerved by ſeveral Priſoners there, that nothing paſſed between them on either ſide, but *My* Dear, and my Dear.

As for what that lying Pamphlet falſly ſuggeſteth, *viz.* That ſhe married a Fidler at Dover, and a *Shoe*-maker at the City of Canterbury.

That ſhe cheated a Vintner of ſixty pounds, and was committed to Newgate. Which is notoriouſly falſe, the Keeper of that Priſon having teſtified, That ſhe never was a Priſoner there, neither was her Name ever Recorded in their Book.

That ſhe cheated a French *Merchant* of Rings, Jewels, and other rich Commodities laſt *March*.

That ſhe pickt a Kentiſh Lords Pocket at Graveſ-end, of a ſtately Watch and money.

That ſhe made her eſcape, when ſold and ſhipt for the Barbadoes.

She confidently affirmeth, that they are falſe, and ſcandalous, and that upon the Tryall, it ſhall amount as much to her Reputation and Credit, in detecting thoſe forgeries, as now it doth to her diſcredit; and that ſhe never was a Whore to any man upon the face of the Earth; and that the World ſhall know ſhe hath no other Husband then *Mr. John Carlton.*

FINIS.

POST-SCRIPT.

SHE never went by the Name of *Henrietta Maria de Vulva*; but by the Name of *Mary DE WOLWAY.*